

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 14, and 42 have been amended, claims 37 and 43 have been cancelled, and new claims 50-52 have been added. Claims 25-29 are allowed. Claims 1 and 42 are amended to better specify the sources of the liquid forming the liquid layer and the jet. New claim 51 is supported at 0015 and new claim 52 is supported at 0012.

In the 10/31/2007 Office Action, all claims are free of the prior art.

Turning to the section 112 rejections at paragraph 3 of the 10/31/2007 Office Action, spinning the workpiece in other than a horizontal orientation is disclosed at the last line of 0036 and the first line of 0099. The liquid layer may be formed on the bottom (down facing) surface, or on the top (up-facing) surface, as described at 0038 and at the last 3 lines of 0019. The remaining steps cited at paragraph 3 of the Office Action, namely, the liquid layer and jet coming from separate sources; controlling the layer thickness, and directing the jet through the layer, have been added to the claims. Accordingly, the claims are now all believed to be fully enabled by the disclosure.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is requested.

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